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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 812. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th August 1866.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vellum, Tanjore Talook, 20th August 1866, No. 210:—

1. During the first fortnight of this month a few showers fell here and there, which though slight and partial have, combined with the steady and copious supply of water in the rivers, been ample for agricultural operations in the delta.

2. The rivers are just now going down, but it is hoped they will not fail as they frequently do, during the approaching break between the south-west and the north-east monsoons.

3. In the upland parts of the District, the very slight and partial showers which have hitherto fallen have been of little or no avail; wherever it has been possible, these showers have been taken advantage of, and the fields ploughed and sown, but it has too frequently happened that the result has been only the loss of the Ryot's seed and labor. Distress still continues in these dry portions of the province; numbers of the villagers have left their homes and betaken themselves to the delta both for subsistence and for the sale of their half-starved cattle.

4. The delta is generally free from epidemic diseases, but in the uplands cholera and dysentery in an acute form as well as fever are prevalent, and are, I fear, increasing. The cholera in parts of Puttukotah and Negapatam is represented to be very severe, and much mortality has been occasioned, the disease being of a very virulent type.

5. Prices still tend upwards; there are no dry grains coming into the market, and the sufferings of the poorer classes, particularly in the dry Talooks, are necessarily very severe. Works are being carried on in those localities where the people most require daily aid and daily sustenance, and at a Meeting held last Thursday at Tanjore, the richer portion of the community came forward tolerably well to help their poorer fellow-countrymen.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. Copy to the Relief Committee.

No. 813. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1866, No. 2,285.

Land Revenue.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Relief Committee.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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